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Honorable Arthur D. Spatt  
United States District Court  
For the Eastern District of New York  
P.O. Box 9014  
Central Islip, NY 11722-9014

**Re: *Cassese v. Washington Mutual, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 05-02724**

Dear Judge Spatt:

We represent Defendant Washington Mutual, Inc. ("WMI") in the above-referenced action and write to inform the Court that WMI and Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the unnamed members of the WMI class, have reached a settlement in principle. The parties are currently in the process of drafting a settlement agreement and related papers.

In light of the foregoing, WMI respectfully requests that Your Honor stay all outstanding deadlines as to WMI pending the parties' submission of the settlement agreement and related papers to the Court for the requisite approvals. Plaintiffs consent to this requested stay.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John P. Mastando III

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cc: Counsel of Record (By ECF Filing)

The Court declines to extend the deadlines in this case indefinitely. The parties may re-submit a request setting forth specific extension requests if they wish. So ordered.

MOVANT'S COUNSEL IS DIRECTED TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS ORDER ON ALL PARTIES UPON RECEIPT VIA FACSIMILE.

Arthur D. Spatt  
U.S. J. Arthur D. Spatt

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